Funds for Kendriya Bhandar

2057. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Kendriya Bhandar has sought additional funds of Rs. 1.50 crore Government to expand their network in the capital and other places in India ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard :

(c) whether majority of the branch Stores of the Bhandar are running in huge losses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the details of steps taken to close down the uneconomical branch stores ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS *(SMT.* MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) In the year 1993-94, the Kendriya Bhandar has not sought additional funds of Rs. 1.50 crore from the Government.

(c) to (e) The Kendriya Bhandar is running 89 branch stores. As each store does not have a separate accounts branch, it is not possible to assess the profitability of each individual branch store. However, in 1992-93 the Kendriya Bhandar as a whole earned a profit of Rs. 195.02 lakhs. Since the overall operation of the Kendriya Bhandar does not show lossess, there is no proposal to close down any of the branch store.

Expenditure on Pensioners

2058. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) how many persons, as on date are receiving pensions from various Central government/Offlcers/Establishments, etc.; and

(b) what is the total expenditure being incurred thereon per annum ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINI--STRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) According to the latest available information, the approximate number of Central Government pensioners (including Railways, Defence, Civilians) and Central Freedom Fighter pensioners is 33.12 lakhs.

(b) The actual expenditure on pension including ekpenditure on Freedom 'Fighters pension during the year 1992-93 was Rs. 4685.58 crores.

Combating of Corruption

2059. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA .
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRI SUBRAMAIAN SWAMY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 19 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for which corruption is flourishing inspite of the claim that Government have been taking appropriate action including legislative measures to combat corruption at various levels;

(b) what follow-up measure were taken in pursuance of reports such inquiry Commissions, set up prior to '1983 in respect of various Chief Ministers;

(c) what were the major features of Lok Pal Bills introduced in 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985 and 1989; and

(d) whether Government propose to enact Lok Pal Bill during the cotrent Session of Parliament in view of flourishing corruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIO*NS* AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY

AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : .(a) It is not correct to say that corruption is flourishing inspite of the claim made that the Govt, have been taking appropriate action including legislative measures to combat corruption at various levels.

(b) It has already been stated in Part (d) of the Starred Question No. 19 answered on 2-12-93 that Commissions of Inquiry set' up prior to 1983 had submitted their reports which were sent to State Governments concerned for appropriate action.

(c) The major features of Lokpal Bills of 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985 and 1989 were as follows :—

(i) In the Lokpal and Lokayukta Bills 1968 and 1971 it was emphasised that allegations of corruption, abuse of power lack of integrity against Union Ministers (excluding Prime Minister), members of Council of Ministers of Union Territories, Public Servants appointed in connections with the affairs of Union, every person in the service of pay in any UTs, any Corporation controlled by Central Govt., any Govt. Company (Central) within the meaning of Section 617 of the Companies Act, 1956 any Society which is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 and which is controlled by Central Govt, may be brought within the purview of.. Institution of Lokpal.

(ii) In the. Lokpal Bill, 1977, the per sons covered were members of Council of Ministers of the Union, a member of either House of Parliament, a member of Council of Ministers for UTs, a Member of Legislative Assembly of any UT, Chief Ministers of States, a Mem ber of ex-Council, Delhi Admn. and Majors of Municipal Corpo rations in any UT. This Bill was confined only to inquiries against allegations of misconduct, and corruption includes anything made punishable under Chapter IX of - IPC and under the P.C. Act 1947.

(iii) The Lokpal Bill, 1985 provided for a person who holds or held the office of Minister, Minister of State, Deputy Minister or Parliamentary Secretaries of the Union excluding the Prime Minister. This Bill Covered Complaints alleging an offence under Chapter IX of the IPC and/or P.C. Act, 1947.

(vi) The Lokpal Bill, 1989 covered a person who holds or has held the office of Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister, Minister of State or Dy. Minister of the Union. It was proposed to bring within the purview of this Bill, complaints alleging that a public functionary has committed any offences punishable under the P.C. Act 1988.

(d) No. Sir.

IAS and IPS Officers in the Central Government

2060. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the rule relating to the tenure of State Cadre IAS and IPS officers in the Central Government is not being strictly observed ;

(b) if so, how many officers are continuing with Central Government beyond their stipulated tenure ; and

(c) what is the number of State Cadre officers on deputation to the Central Government. State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS TRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA) : (a) No, Sir. The tenure rule are normally not relax ed in respect of IAS & IPS officers working on deputation in the Central Government. In exceptional cases however, proposals for extension of tenure are considered by the ACC on merits.